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ALL RECORDS

Broken by the Ohio River in 1913.

Stage of 1884 Exceeded at Catlettsburg and Other Points by Nearly Two Feet.

With the gradual subsidence of the recent flood, the worst in the history of the Ohio Valley, it has become known the loss of human life, great and distressing as it really is, is not so large as the first reports of the calamity stated. Dayton, O., seems to have been the greatest sufferer in both life and property. The undertakers in the city have conservatively put the number of dead at 800. The other cities in the storm-swept area have possibly lost as many more. It will take many days of careful work to number the exact toll taken by the Storm King in his awful sweep of the desolated and mourning region. The property loss is enormous, and at this hour, with all the information the NEWS can command, it is hardly possible to approximate the loss in dollars, but it will be many millions. Much of Dayton, the beautiful, the "Gem City" of Ohio, is a mass of ruins. It will be the work of years, at a cost of millions, to restore the town to its former splendid condition.

In this hour of dire calamity and distress the hearts of the nation were touched, and prayers responded to the call for help. Individuals, towns, cities, States and the Government itself responded quickly and nobly. If "red tape" appeared to block the way to speedy succor it was cut without delay. So, by prompt and efficient work much suffering has been alleviated and more has been averted.

Because of the damage to wires and the failure of transportation it has been practically impossible to get more than very meager accounts of the damage wrought by the flood to nearby towns on the Ohio. Much was done at Kenova and Ironton. At Ashland the water rose to Winchester-st., but no news has come to us from that city. Nothing comes from Huntington.

Between Catlettsburg and Normal one hundred and fifty houses have been swept from their foundations into the Ohio river and lost.

The water was 24 inches higher than it was in 1884. In the C. and O. passenger depot the water was on a level with the ticket office window.

Nine houses at one time floated off John street.

The United States Government had \$1000 in cash for the relief of the suffering in Catlettsburg, and it was used without ceremony where it would do the most good.

Bread for the destitute was furnished daily from Lexington, Mt. Sterling, Ashland and Williamson.

More help in the shape of money and bedding is needed.

There were instances of extortionate charges which will be investigated.

In one instance a man was charged eighteen dollars for transportation of one man in a skirt from Ashland.

The extortion was discovered and the money was taken from the extortioner.

Parties on a hill not far from the river saw a man knocked in the head while being ferried across the river, and was then thrown overboard. Search is being made for the pirate.

While a man and a woman and six children were being taken from the roof of a floating house one of the children, a boy, jumped into the river and was drowned.

A woman in a floating house near Russell cut through the roof with a hatchet and was taken off in a boat.

Three square in Ironton were destroyed by fire by an explosion of gas.

An explosion at one of the Ashland furnaces, caused great loss.

From Saturday to Sunday 21 houses floated past Catlettsburg.

All the Catlettsburg churches will be heavily in organs and furnishings. Organs are all under water. Ironton suffered heavily from the flood. Fire started in a cigar factory and destroyed an entire block of buildings.

Huntington the water covered the entire business section reached to Fifth avenue. The electricity and water works shut out of business and much property lost.

At Portsmouth the damage is very great. Anderson Bros. large department store and the new Trinity were destroyed by fire.

In Ashland the stores on Greenup avenue are said to have had six to eight feet of water in them. Oil stoves were in strong demand because of the failure of the gas supply.

The Vansant-Kitchen Lumber company's reported to have lost heavily. Immense quantities of lumber and two fleets of timber were swept away.

THE RAILROADS.

Train service on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. was limited to one train each way per day between Louisa and Pikeville, from last Friday until Thursday of this week.

The Norfolk & Western on the other side of the river operated passenger trains from Kenova to Norfolk. No trains west of Kenova for a week. Mails from Louisa and the upper Big Sandy have gone out regularly via Fort Gay. Very little has come in here from the outside world. Daily newspapers three and four days old are eagerly bought at every opportunity in Louisa. Cincinnati and Louisville papers reached here via Norton, Va.

Trains No. 3 and 4 on the main line of the C. & O. were sent out Thursday for the east via Winchester, Ky.

PROBABLE RESUMPTION.

Every morning since the trains stopped running between Louisa and Ashland a train has made the round trip from Louisa to Pikeville. It was announced Thursday that an effort would be made to get a train through to and from Ashland. A big train load of men and material left here Thursday morning for Big Sandy Junction to get the road in good shape as soon as possible.

LAWRENCE FISCAL COURT.

Regular Semi-Annual Term Held This Week.

The Lawrence Fiscal court was in session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week with all members present except A. J. Belcher.

J. P. Gartin was re-elected County Treasurer for two years and executed bond. He had no opposition.

Reports from over the county showed more than a dozen bridges washed out by the floods of last week, and it is estimated that at least \$25,000 will be required to replace them. It was decided to proceed with this work as rapidly as possible.

B. J. Calloway, the county engineer, was authorized to receive bids and purchase \$1000 worth of galvanized drain pipe for culverts. Sizes 10, 12 and 24 inches in diameter. This is a good move.

Bids for maintaining the Blaine and Webbville roads in sections of two miles were opened and all rejected because of the high price. There were only three bidders, all Louisa citizens. It was expected there would be a lot of bids from farmers living along these sections. An advertisement appears in this paper re-advertising the proposition for April 19th.

The county engineer has split log drains and ditchers ready.

The number of claims allowed was smaller than usual.

FROM HEAD TO MOUTH.

Big Blaine creek did not give the lie to its name during the latest flood. It was about 2 feet higher than was ever known before, and from its head to its mouth it carried loss and devastation. The NEWS has not heard of any loss of life. Many bridges were torn from their foundations, some entirely destroyed. The bridge across the left fork was carried away. The one at Yatesville stood the rise and rush of water, losing only a few planks from its sides. There can be no proper estimate made of the loss of fencing, barns, etc., on Blaine. At Geo. Carter's store at Yatesville the water rose about 6 feet and nearly as high in his residence. He raised his piano onto a bed, then put a big box on the bed and managed to get the piano on top of that and thus saved it. The water did not get into any of the Fallsburg stores. All the tributaries of Big Blaine suffered seriously, but the NEWS is without much of any definite information as to amount. Brushy was not so high as it was during the local flood of last year.

A telephone message yesterday stated that the big county bridge near the mouth of Blaine had been destroyed. It was moved from the bents a few days ago and the erecting backwater completed the destruction. This will add several thousand dollars to the county's loss.

BIRTH AND DEATH.

March, 1913, was born on a cold, windy day. It expired Monday much after the same fashion.

CALL FOR HELP

Came From Catlettsburg Monday and Was Quickly Answered.

On Monday last a call was made upon Louisa for aid to the people of Catlettsburg who were in distress on account of the unprecedented flood at that place. The city council convened immediately and ordered that \$100.00 be appropriated and expended in the purchase of food, which was done. Money and bedclothes were also needed, and George Lewis succeeded in a short time in raising over a hundred dollars in cash and bedding, about thirty dollars worth of the latter. The supplies and money were taken care of by L. S. Johnson, U. S. Engineer, and George Lewis who took the contribution to Catlettsburg on the Government launch and turned it over to the proper persons for distribution. The amount sent from here finally amounted to about \$300.

Catlettsburg is loud and warm in expressing its appreciation of the great kindness of its neighbor, Louisa. This is the second time this town has gone to the help of the distressed people of Catlettsburg. In the flood of 1884 a call was made upon us to relieve the sufferers at the mouth of Sandy, and we acted promptly and well.

Paintsville-Van Lear Response.

When the call for food and bedding came to Louisa last Monday morning from Catlettsburg, the Big Sandy News passed the word on to Paintsville. We did this with full knowledge of the liberal spirit possessed by the people of that prosperous little city. The response was prompt and magnanimous. The next day almost a car load of provisions, ready to eat, reached Louisa. Luscious boiled hams formed a large part of the supplies. Van Lear had joined with Paintsville in the shipment. The miners and officials of that great mining town responded in a most commendable manner. Some of the families gave the dinners off of their tables in order to be represented in the shipment that was being hurriedly prepared.

Mr. Brobeck, roadmaster of the Big Sandy division of the C. and O., had the large shipment brought to Louisa by the passenger train Tuesday afternoon free of cost. In charge of the shipment were Mr. John E. Buckingham, Paintsville's prominent banker, Sam Copley, a merchant, and Judge D. P. Lynch, V. H. Walter and P. B. Martin, officials of the Consolidation operation at Van Lear.

The problem of transporting the supplies to Catlettsburg was soon solved through the efforts of A. V. Osborne, the accommodating N. and W. railroad agent at Fort Gay. He asked permission from the officials of the road to handle the shipment free of charges on the passenger train going to Kenova that night, and the request was promptly granted. The goods were hauled across the river and shipped on that train.

H. G. Wellman and Lon Moles, operators at Louisa, kept in touch with Mayor Montague through the railroad operator in the tower at Hampton Junction, and Mr. Montague arranged to receive the supplies at Kenova, at 2 a. m., Wednesday.

CONTRACTS TO LET.

Road Work That Should Interest Many Lawrence County Citizens.

The road from Louisa corporation line to head of Blaine is measured into two miles sections and posts set at the intersections. Also the road to Webbville the same as above. The road known as the Louisa-Blaine road will be let to contract to the iron bridge across Big Blaine creek at Koun's store. The road to Webbville will be let to contract to the bridge across Dry Fork at Webbville. Brushy creek from the bridge across Brushy creek near its mouth to Lon Hulet's will not be contracted. The County Judge will receive sealed bids till noon April 19, 1913, for putting into condition and maintaining these various sections of road, and award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders, for one year ending April 1st, 1914. Specifications, contracts, etc., may be seen at the office of the County Road Engineer. The county reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened and examined at 1:30 p. m.

B. J. CALLOWAY.

Raleigh K. Ferguson, formerly of Louisa, was here last week from Portsmouth, where he has employment with the N. and W.

Lawrence County People Lost.

Jim and John Martin, who were born and reared in this county, are supposed to have been drowned or burned to death in the great flood which caused so many deaths and much great destruction of property in central and southern Ohio. These young men were sons of Wash. Martin, well known hereabouts, and were raised by James McGuire, of Two Mile. After leaving this neighborhood the boys went to Ironton and later to Hamilton, where they were living when that city was swept by fire and flood. Their kinsman, Luke McGuire, of Ironton, went to Cincinnati as soon as possible after the disaster, and found beyond doubt that the men were lost, but whether by water or fire he could not ascertain.

C. & O. OVER N. & W.

When C. and O. trains began to pass through Fort Gay on Friday last our people began to appreciate the extent of the recent flood. They also had a better appreciation of the usefulness of the C. and O. to Louisa.

The new Secretary of War, Mr. Garrison, passed through on one of those trains, enroute to Dayton, O.

THROUGH TO JENKINS.

Beginning April first passengers for Jenkins via C. and O. from Louisa can reach Jenkins on the day of starting. No. 36 reaches Pikeville at 11:45 a. m., and a train for Shelby leaves at 1 p. m., connecting at that point with a B. and O. train for Jenkins, where it arrives about 6 o'clock. The return trip is also made in one day.

DEATH AT EIGHTY-THREE.

Mrs. Juliana Copley, One of Our Oldest and Best Women.

Mrs. Juliana Copley, whose critical illness was chronicled in the March 21st issue of this paper, died at the home of her son, the Rev. L. M. Copley, this city, on Saturday evening, March 29, and was buried in the Fulkerson cemetery on the following Monday morning. Her end was peaceful, her spirit departing without a struggle for its home in the skies. Interment was preceded by very appropriate services, largely attended at the Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Olaus Hamilton, and participated in by Louisa ministers of other denominations.

Mrs. Juliana Copley was born on Mill creek, not far from Fort Gay, March 19, 1830, and was 83 years and 10 days old. Her maiden name was Wilson, being related to the numerous family of that name in this section of the country. She married William G. Copley, and to them were born ten children, six boys—Mrs. Wayne, William, Elias, G. M. and L. M., and four girls—Mary, Martha, Ellen and Laura. All these children save one survive their venerable mother. Her husband died many years ago. Mrs. Copley was converted about 46 years ago and joined the Methodist church, later uniting with the Baptist church, living all those many years the life of a Christian and dying in the happy assurance of a blissful immortality. "Grandmother" Copley had lived many years in Louisa, known and respected by its people. She was deeply religious, and her daily life was in perfect accord with her profession. Like many of those who were born in the scanty settled districts over three quarters of a century ago, Mrs. Copley had not learned much from books in her early and middle life, but she was bright and intelligent by nature. She became anxious to know for herself what the Bible contained, and about ten years ago, being then 73 years old, she learned to read, and the Book of Books became her constant companion. She read and re-read it, and in compliance with her wish, the Bible she had loved so long was buried in the coffin with her. Like the great Apostle to the Gentiles, she had not forgotten the "Parchments."

AN OLD TIME MARCH RISE.

In March, 1867, a big rise in Sandy swept everything before it, but little damage was done by the Ohio. The crest of the flood reached this place on Sunday, and early that morning Judge Sam Short roused the men of the town out of their beds, seeking help to move a big lot of tanbark from the low land on the river just at the upper end of town to a place of safety. The bark belonged to the late John W. Jones, who was laid up with a crippled foot, and Major D. J. Burchett, who was in Frankfort. Nearly everybody turned out and worked with a will. The property was saved, but none too soon, for the water covered the ground which had been occupied by the bark.

PIKE-LETCHER DISTRICT.

Court of Appeals Declares Valid the Act Creating It.

The act of the last Legislature creating the Thirty-fifth Judicial District, comprising Pike and Letcher counties, was declared to be valid and the failure of the author of the bill to include the first date for holding the Court at Paintsville, in Johnson county, in the old Twenty-fourth Judicial District, was declared to be a clerical error by the Appellate Court.

The dates for holding Court in the Twenty-fourth Judicial District fixed by the Appellate Court follow: Paintsville, first Monday in March, 24 judicial days; first Monday in May, 24 judicial days; first Monday in November, 24 judicial days, and at Inez, first Monday in April, 18 judicial days; first Monday in July, 18 judicial days; first Monday in July, 18 judicial days, and first Monday in December, 18 judicial days.

AN INTERESTING MEETING.

A very interesting and successful meeting has been in progress at the M. E. Church since Wednesday of last week and will continue over Sunday. The services have been conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. B. McClay, of Ashland, and have been attended nightly by crowds which tested the capacity of the building. On each occasion Dr. McClay has preached a sermon which for thought, eloquence and spirituality have seldom been surpassed in this city. His discourses have shown learning, research and culture, zeal, fervor and religious feeling, thus pleasing and satisfying all classes of hearers, and the sympathy and personal magnetism of the preacher make what he says good to hear.

Other factors besides Dr. McClay unite to make the present meeting attractive and successful. The pastor, Mr. Plummer, leads the singing, and the Rev. Mr. Trent, of Gallup, is agreeably at home with the organ, the organ and his voice. Will Cain, of this city, is using his good voice effectively during the meeting, and a large volunteer choir renders the old time hymns and songs "with the spirit and the understanding also." Another gratifying feature of the meeting has been the active presence of other ministers of the city.

It had been announced that no afternoon services would be held, but was changed, and interesting meetings are held every afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. McClay's sermon-lecture to men only last Sunday afternoon was largely attended and enjoyed. "Wanted, A Man," was the topic.

A VERY SICK FAMILY.

All of W. J. Vaughan's family except him are very sick with measles, and he is nearly exhausted from incessant care and nursing. In Louisa the epidemic continues. Many have been very sick but so far there have been no deaths.

EXAMINATION AT FORT GAY.

A teachers examination was held at Fort Gay Thursday and Friday. It was numerously attended, several from Kentucky being present.

FIRE AT PAINTSVILLE.

Four Residences Burned in the Lower Part of Town.

Fire destroyed four residences at Paintsville Monday. They were located not far from the bridge across Paint creek on the road to the depot. The property was owned by C. J. (Boxier) Howes, Speed Stafford and Leona Webb. Mr. Howes lost nearly all of his household goods. He had no insurance. This is the second loss of this kind he has had in the last few years.

Row Between the In-Laws.

Elsewhere in this paper you may read of the marriage Tuesday of Lela Hickman to the daughter of Wiley Parker. Well, if you care to, read on and you near the residence of Gum Berry, in the south end of Louisa the father-in-law and the son-in-law got into a racket in which pistols were used against the peace and dignity of the commonwealth. Marshal Muncey arrested both parties, and Thursday morning a trial was held which resulted in Parker being fined fifty dollars and cost, which he paid, and in his son-in-law being fined twenty-five dollars and sentenced to go to jail for ten days. He appealed the case to the Circuit Court.

A MATRIMONIAL VENTURE.

Miss Addie Parker and Lela Hickman, both of Torchlight and each 22 years old, came down on the afternoon train last Tuesday on matrimony intent. They found their way to the court house, where a license to become one was soon procured and the splicing ability of County Judge Boggs were speedily brought into service. He adjourned the Fiscal Court and he, the magistrates, and a cloud of witnesses escorted the waiting couple to the Judge's office, where the words which transformed Miss Parker into Mrs. Hickman were fully spoken. Following this the newly weds took a ticket to Torchlight, where they will reside. The bride is the daughter of Wiley Parker and the groom is a son of Leander Hickman, deceased.

NO WATER.

It seems paradoxical, but with too much water in the river, for several days there was none for use. The river submerged the pumping station, and a dry oh Monday morning the reservoir was empty. It was hoped that by Thursday night the pumps would be free and able to do their work.

Operation For Ear Trouble.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Perry, of Offutt, Johnson county, brought their daughter, aged 14 years, to the hospital to be treated for a trouble in one of her ears. She had suffered long and much, and it was found to be necessary to perform what is called a mastoid operation for her relief. This was done by Dr. York and the girl is now free of pain and is doing well.

STATE BOARD RAISES

Valuation of Property in Many Eastern Kentucky Counties.

Frankfort, Ky., March 26.—The following raises were made to-day in the assessments of counties in the Seventh Appellate District by the State Board of Equalization: Morgan, 10 per cent. on lands; Floyd, 20 per cent. on lands; Johnson and Martin counties, 6 per cent. on lands; Knott, 5 per cent. on lands; Magoffin, 20 per cent. on lands and 25 per cent. on town lots. No raises were made in Boyd, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Menifee, Perry and Pike counties.

Notices of the raises have been sent out and hearings of protests will begin on April 8. The dates have been set as follows: April 9, Floyd; Knott; April 10, Johnson; April 15, Letcher; Magoffin; April 16, Martin; April 17, Morgan; April 18, Pike; Powell; April 22.

The following changes are noted: Boyd County—Equalized valuation 1912, \$8,949,488; assessment of 12, \$9,105,200.

Floyd County—Equalized valuation 1912, \$3,394,523; assessment 1912, \$2,973,492; assessed acreage decreased 13,652 acres; average assessment an acre fell from \$5.91 to \$5.47.

Johnson County—Equalized valuation 1912, \$2,983,406; assessment 1913, \$3,140,214; assessed acreage increased 2,015 acres; average assessment an acre increased from \$8.99 to \$9.27.

Lawrence County—Equalized valuation 1912, \$2,817,700; assessment 1913, \$2,959,048; assessed acreage increased 553 acres; average assessment an acre fell from \$6.36 to \$6.35.

Letcher County—Equalized valuation, 1912, \$3,323,216; assessment, 1913, \$3,567,627; assessment an acre fell from \$10.63 to \$10.62.

Magoffin County—Equalized valuation, 1912, \$1,519,411; assessment 1913, \$1,328,903; assessed acreage decreased 14,741 acres; average assessment an acre fell from \$5.73 to \$5.42.

Martin County—Equalized valuation, 1912, \$1,324,904; assessment, 1913, \$1,300,125; assessed acreage increased 56060; average assessment an acre fell from \$5.37 to \$5.34.

Menifee County—Equalized valuation, 1912, \$790,783; assessment, 1913, \$803,243; assessed acreage increased 3,353 acres; average assessment an acre fell from \$4.33 to \$3.95.

Morgan County—Equalized valuation, 1912, \$2,636,241; assessment, 1913, \$2,539,772; assessed acreage decreased 6,285 acres; average assessment an acre fell from \$9.49 to \$9.20.

Pike County—Equalized valuation 1912, \$5,781,509; assessment, 1913, \$7,097,959; assessed acreage, increased 553,256 acres; average assessment an acre fell from \$5.37 to \$4.15.

KILLED ON KNOX CREEK.

Two coal miners were shot and killed on Knox creek, Pike county, on Monday last by a man named Hurley. The miners were employees of the War Eagle Coal Co., and were said to be peaceable men.